



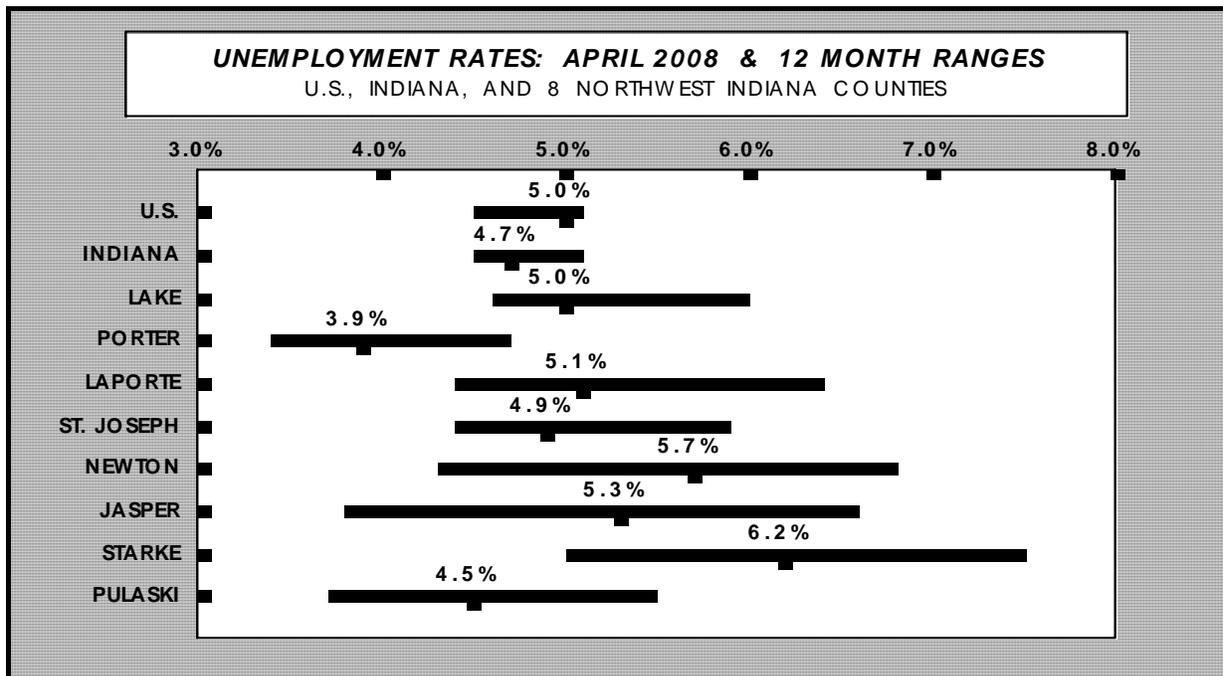
Labor Market Review

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NORTHWEST INDIANA EDITION

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES					LABOR FORCE TOTALS		
Area	Unemp Rate Apr 2008	Rank Hi-Lo 1to92	Unemp Rate Yr Ago	Apr 07 to Apr 08 (up/dn)	Total Labor Force	Number Employed	Number Unemployed
U.S.*	5.0%		4.5%	up 0.5	153,208,000	145,921,000	7,287,000
Indiana*	4.7%		4.6%	up 0.1	3,208,051	3,058,411	149,640
Lake	5.0%	41	5.0%	same	226,100	214,890	11,210
Porter	3.9%	79	3.8%	up 0.1	82,713	79,494	3,219
LaPorte	5.1%	36	5.1%	same	52,460	49,791	2,669
St. Joseph	4.9%	47	4.8%	up 0.1	132,077	125,571	6,506
Newton	5.7%	14	5.3%	up 0.4	7,128	6,720	408
Jasper	5.3%	31	4.8%	up 0.5	15,585	14,754	831
Starke	6.2%	8	5.5%	up 0.7	10,391	9,744	647
Pulaski	4.5%	58	4.2%	up 0.3	6,663	6,364	299

Notes: April 2008 data was released May 16, 2008. Data are estimates using federal procedures. Degree of accuracy varies. * Seasonally adjusted - other rates are not adjusted. Data for ranges in the chart below have been updated and revised to the 2007 Benchmark. **The more recent U.S. unemployment rate for May 2008 was 5.5%, seasonally adjusted.**



NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT IN INDIANA

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NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES**GARY, IN, METRO DIVISION (LAKE/ PORTER/ JASPER/ NEWTON COUNTIES)**

INDUSTRY	APR 2008	MAR 2008	APR 2007	CHANGE FROM			
				MAR 2008 TO APR 2008		APR 2007 TO APR 2008	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	284,000	280,800	283,000	3,200	1.1%	1,000	0.4%
Total Private Employment	243,900	240,800	241,500	3,100	1.3%	2,400	1.0%
GOODS PRODUCING	57,600	56,400	57,800	1,200	2.1%	-200	-0.3%
Natural Resources & Construction	500	500	500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Construction	19,300	18,300	19,300	1,000	5.5%	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	37,800	37,600	38,000	200	0.5%	-200	-0.5%
---Durable Goods	29,900	29,600	29,800	300	1.0%	100	0.3%
Primary Metal Mfg	18,200	18,200	18,300	0	0.0%	-100	-0.5%
Iron and Steel Mills	16,900	17,000	16,600	-100	-0.6%	300	1.8%
SERVICE PRODUCING	226,400	224,400	225,200	2,000	0.9%	1,200	0.5%
Private Service Providing	186,300	184,400	183,700	1,900	1.0%	2,600	1.4%
---Trade,Transportation, Utilities	60,600	60,400	60,200	200	0.3%	400	0.7%
Wholesale Trade	10,400	10,400	10,300	0	0.0%	100	1.0%
Retail Trade	35,400	35,300	35,100	100	0.3%	300	0.9%
General Merch Stores	6,900	7,000	6,600	-100	-1.4%	300	4.5%
Other Gen Merch Stores	3,500	3,500	3,400	0	0.0%	100	2.9%
Transp/Warehousing/Utilities	14,800	14,700	14,800	100	0.7%	0	0.0%
---Information	2,300	2,300	2,200	0	0.0%	100	4.5%
---Financial Activities	9,700	9,700	10,000	0	0.0%	-300	-3.0%
---Professional & Business	23,100	22,700	23,300	400	1.8%	-200	-0.9%
Admin/Support/Waste Svcs	3,600	3,500	3,600	100	2.9%	0	0.0%
Employment Services	46,700	46,200	44,200	500	1.1%	2,500	5.7%
---Educational & Health	8,000	7,800	8,200	200	2.6%	-200	-2.4%
Educational Services	38,700	38,400	36,000	300	0.8%	2,700	7.5%
Health Care/Social Assist.	13,500	13,500	11,500	0	0.0%	2,000	17.4%
Med/Surgical Hospitals	31,500	30,600	31,200	900	2.9%	300	1.0%
---Leisure & Hospitality	7,800	7,500	7,700	300	4.0%	100	1.3%
Arts/Entertainment/Recr'n	22,400	22,000	22,200	400	1.8%	200	0.9%
Food Svcs / Drinking Places	12,400	12,500	12,600	-100	-0.8%	-200	-1.6%
---Other Services	40,100	40,000	41,500	100	0.3%	-1,400	-3.4%
Government	2,100	2,100	2,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Federal Government	4,400	4,400	4,300	0	0.0%	100	2.3%
---State Government	33,600	33,500	35,100	100	0.3%	-1,500	-4.3%
---Local Government	19,300	19,500	19,100	-200	-1.0%	200	1.0%

-- EMPLOYMENT DATA ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST HUNDRED AND THUS MAY NOT ADD TO THE TOTAL SHOWN
-- GARY METROPOLITAN DIVISION OF THE CHICAGO CSA EQUALS LAKE, PORTER, JASPER, AND NEWTON COUNTIES

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NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES MICHIGAN CITY - LAPORTE MSA (LAPORTE COUNTY)

INDUSTRY	APR 2008	MAR 2008	APR 2007	CHANGE FROM			
				MAR 2008 TO APR 2008		APR 2007 TO APR 2008	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	47,000	46,800	46,700	200	0.4%	300	0.6%
Total Private Employment	39,300	39,000	39,100	300	0.8%	200	0.5%
GOODS PRODUCING	11,800	11,600	11,800	200	1.7%	0	0.0%
Natural Resources & Construction	2,700	2,500	2,500	200	8.0%	200	8.0%
Manufacturing	9,100	9,100	9,300	0	0.0%	-200	-2.2%
SERVICE PRODUCING	35,200	35,200	34,900	0	0.0%	300	0.9%
Private Service Providing	27,500	27,400	27,300	100	0.4%	200	0.7%
---Trade,Transportation, Utilities	9,100	9,100	9,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Wholesale Trade	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	5,900	5,900	5,900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Transp/Warehousing/Utilities	1,800	1,800	1,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Information	600	600	600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Financial Activities	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Professional & Business	2,800	2,800	2,700	0	0.0%	100	3.7%
---Educational & Health	6,500	6,600	6,500	-100	-1.5%	0	0.0%
---Leisure & Hospitality	5,300	5,200	5,300	100	1.9%	0	0.0%
---Other Services	1,900	1,800	1,800	100	5.6%	100	5.6%
Government	7,700	7,800	7,600	-100	-1.3%	100	1.3%
---Federal Government	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---State Government	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Local Government	4,900	5,000	4,800	-100	-2.0%	100	2.1%
Education	2,900	3,000	2,800	-100	-3.3%	100	3.6%

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-- MSA - METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MICHIGAN CITY-LAPORTE MSA = LAPORTE COUNTY)

NOTE: MICHIGAN CITY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA IS CURRENTLY PUBLISHED AS UNOFFICIAL/NON-BLS AREA ESTIMATES.
BLS FUNDING FOR THIS MSA & OTHERS WAS SUSPENDED FOR 2008 BUT INDIANA WILL CONTINUE TO ESTIMATE FOR THESE AREAS.

CHARACTERISTICS OF MINIMUM WAGE WORKERS: 2007

The U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics collects data on minimum wage earners within its Current Population Survey (CPS), a nationwide sample survey of households. According to the Current Population Survey estimates for 2007, 75.9 million American workers were paid at hourly rates, representing 58.5 percent of all wage and salary workers. On July 24, 2007, the Federal minimum wage increased to \$5.85 per hour from \$5.15 per hour. Data in this report reflect the average number of workers earning the prevailing Federal minimum wage or less for the year (those who earned \$5.15 or less from January 2007 through July 2007 and those who earned \$5.85 or less from August 2007 through the end of the year).

Among those paid by the hour in 2007, 267,000 were reported as earning exactly the prevailing Federal minimum wage. Nearly 1.5 million were reported as earning wages below the minimum. Together, these 1.7 million workers with wages at or below the minimum made up 2.3 percent of all hourly-paid workers. This report presents data on a wide array of demographic and socioeconomic characteristics for hourly paid workers earning at or below the Federal minimum wage.

The following are some highlights from the 2007 data.

☒ Minimum wage workers tend to be young. Although workers under age 25 represented only about one-fifth of hourly paid workers, they made up almost half of those paid the Federal minimum wage or less. Among employed teenagers paid by the hour, about 7 percent earned the minimum wage or less, compared with fewer than 2 percent of workers age 25 and over.

☒ About 3 percent of women paid hourly rates reported wages at or below the prevailing Federal minimum, compared with about 1 percent of men.

☒ The percent of workers earning the minimum wage did not vary much across the major race and ethnic groups. About 2 percent of white, black, Asian, and Hispanic hourly-paid workers earned the Federal minimum wage or less.

☒ Among hourly-paid workers age 16 and over, about 3 percent of those who had less than a high school diploma earned the minimum wage or less, compared to 2 percent of those who had a high school diploma (with no college) and 1

percent of college graduates.

☒ Never-married workers, who tend to be young, were several times more likely than married workers to earn the minimum wage or less.

☒ Part-time workers (persons who usually work less than 35 hours per week) were more likely than their full-time counterparts to be paid the Federal minimum wage or less (about 5 percent versus 1 percent).

☒ By major occupational group, the highest proportion of workers earning at or below the Federal minimum wage was in service occupations, about 7 percent. Nearly three in four workers earning the minimum wage or less in 2007 were employed in service occupations, mostly in food preparation and service jobs.

☒ The industry with the highest proportion of workers with reported hourly wages at or below the Federal minimum wage was leisure and hospitality (about 12 percent). About three-fifths of all workers paid at or below the Federal minimum wage were employed in this industry, primarily in the food services and drinking places component. For many of these workers, tips and commissions supplement the hourly wages received.

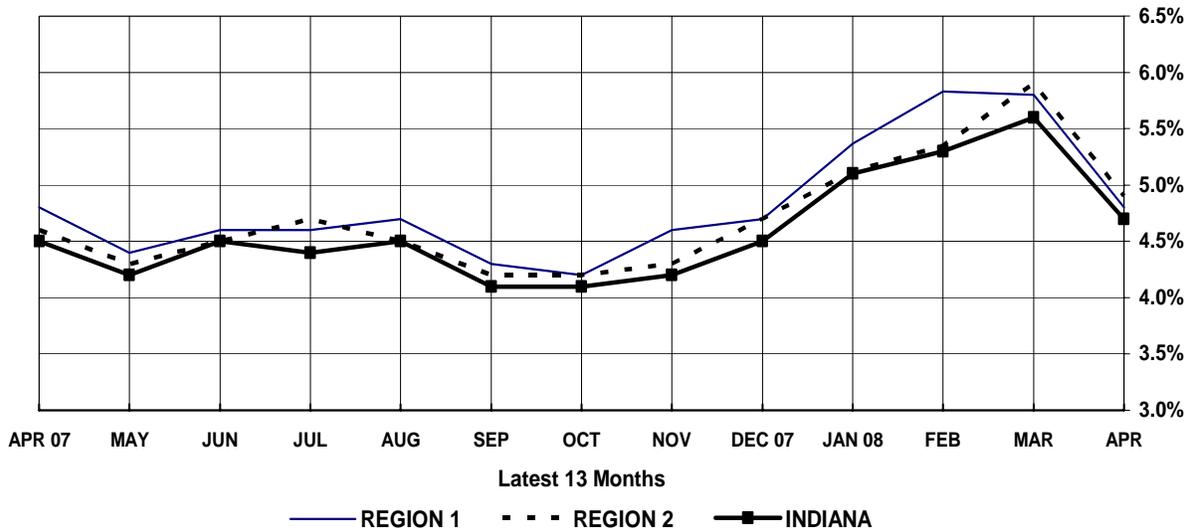
☒ Among the States, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Mississippi, South

Carolina, and Texas had the highest proportions of hourly-paid workers earning at or below the Federal minimum wage (at about 4 percent). The percentage of workers earning at or below the Federal minimum wage was lowest (1 percent or less) in Alaska, California, Montana, Oregon, and Washington. It should be noted that some states have minimum wage laws establishing standards that exceed the Federal minimum wage.

☒ The proportion of hourly-paid workers earning the prevailing Federal minimum wage or less has trended downward since 1979, when data first began to be collected on a regular basis.

Further information from this BLS report including data tables can be accessed via the Internet at the following address:
[http://www.bls.gov/cps/minwage2007.h
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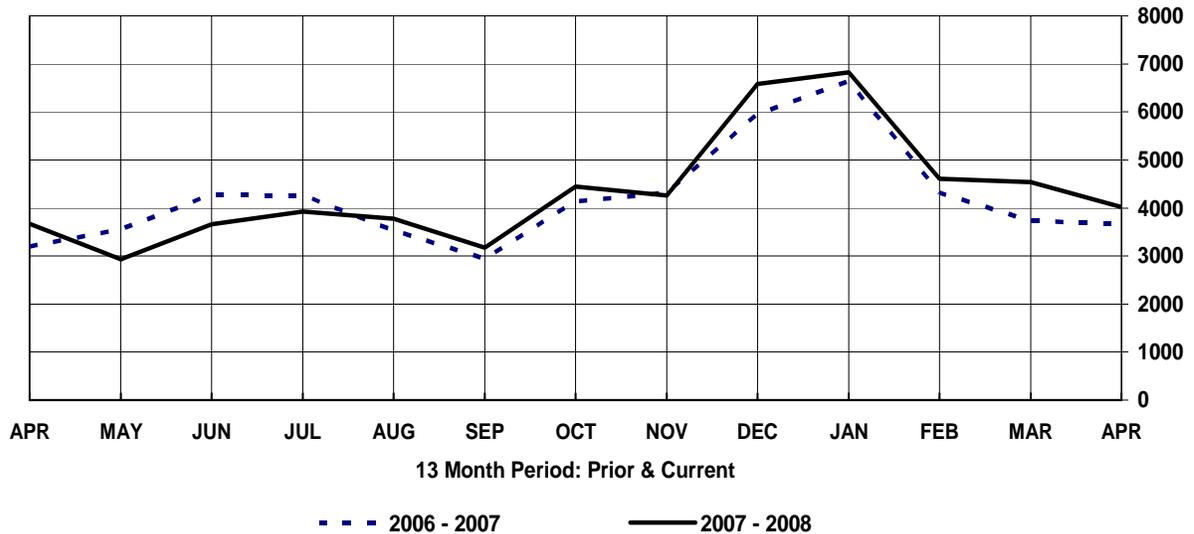
REGIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATES* Region 1, Region 2, & Indiana



* Unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted

Notes: Region 1 consists of Indiana Counties Lake, Porter, LaPorte, Newton, Jasper, Starke, & Pulaski
 Region 2 consists of Indiana Counties St. Joseph, Elkhart, Marshall, Kosciusko, & Fulton

INITIAL CLAIMS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS Region 1 Unemployment Benefit Offices



Region 1 unemployment benefits offices are in the cities of Hammond, Gary, and LaPorte

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